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Fenrir Craft

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#03 The Demonic Sword
Swish
IT'S ALREADY BEEN 3 DAYS SINCE THE CORONATION.
SERIOUSLY, HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO SIT AROUND LIKE THIS?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO STAY WITH HIM.
Clack
ANYWAY, YOU HAVEN'T SLEPT AT ALL, HAVE YOU? GET SOME REST BEFORE YOU COLLAPSE
...IF YOU DON'T...

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Say it with more conviction!!
FENRIR!
Ignore
YOU'RE HIS RIGHT EYE. SHOULDN'T YOU KNOW HOW THE MAIN BODY'S DOING?
——NORMALLY,
THERE IS ONE MORE THING THE KING INHERITS BESIDES MYSELF.
THE MIDGARS RING
FLAP
COME TO THINK OF IT, IN THE PORTRAITS OF THE PAST KINGS ——
OFFICIALLY, IT SYMBOLIZES THE UNION BETWEEN KING AND COUNTRY,
BUT IN FACT IT SERVES TO CONNECT THE KING AND I AND SOFTEN THE BACKLASH FROM THE STAFF OF DESTRUCTION.
I'M CERTAIN THAT THE MISSING KING, ZOE, IS STILL ALIVE ——
SINCE EVEN NOW, HE AND I ARE STILL CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER THROUGH THE RING.
XI
ALBERT WEY XAVER

DAMAGE...?
SO HE'S SLEEPING OFF THE EXCESS DAMAGE HE RECEIVED.
BUT THIS GUY DOESN'T HAVE THE RING,
.....
...WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY
CLA CK
THE STAFF OF DESTRUCTION CAN ONLY BE FIRED ONCE.
IS NORMALLY A HIGHLY CLASSIFIED SECRET THAT ONLY THE KING AND HIS CLOSE AIDES KNOW.
SO AS THE KING'S RIGHT EYE, LISTEN UP.
On the second attempt,
it will cost him his life.

CLENCH
IS IT...
BECAUSE HE'S... A PROXY KING?
NO. PROXY OR NOT, HE'S STILL THE KING.
THAT STAFF'S AMMUNITION
IS THE KING'S LIFE.
THAT IS THE KING OF QUATRE.
HE SACRIFICES HIMSELF IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY.
LORD SHIROGANE, DON'T TELL ME...
ONE CANNOT ASSUME THE THRONE WITHOUT THAT KIND OF RESOLVE.
EVEN AS A PROXY.

I—
DON'T WANT TO KILL THE KING I CHOSE.
FWU
YOU WERE TESTING HIM—
DON'T BE AN IDIOT!
Oh boy
WHAT HE DID DROVE BACK ZEPHIL AND BOUGHT HIM RECOGNITION AS PROXY KING
WAS THERE ANOTHER WAY TO DO THOSE THINGS?
HUH?
HUH?
I'M SNAPPY BECAUSE THE KING ISN'T WAKING UP.
SAME HERE
Slide
...FORGIVE ME FOR BEING RUDE.
STANDING IN AS KING IN ORDER TO FIND ZOE IS BOTH A POLITICAL AND PERSONAL ISSUE FOR HIM
WELL ..
WELL, TEST OR NOT, IT COULDN'T BE HELPED.
Creak.

ZOE DID SAVE HIS LIFE...
IT MAKES SENSE WHY HE'S DOING IT.
...HUH?
UH?
WHAT, YOU HADN'T HEARD!?
I ASSUMED HE'D TOLD YOU...
"THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO."
SHOOT, HE'LL GET MAD AT ME LATER...
HE'S TAKING HIS SWEET TIME WAKING UP, SO WE'RE EXPLAINING. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

"AND UNTIL I'VE DONE IT, I'LL CONTINUE SITTING ON THE THRONE, NO MATTER WHAT UNSIGHTLY, COWARDLY, CRUEL THINGS I HAVE TO DO... NO MATTER WHO I HAVE TO SACRIFICE."
RISKING HIS OWN LIFE AS A DECOY,
AND CLINGING TO THE THRONE,
ALL OF IT IS TO FIND KING ZOE——...
OH!
RIGHT EYE?
AH, YES?
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU DISAPPOINTED THAT THE REASON HE FIGHTS IS TO FIND HIM?

—NO.
I WAS ALSO RESCUED BY THE KING.
SHAKE
THAT'S WHY NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I WILL ALWAYS PROTECT HIM.
RIGHT EYE...
SO, EVEN THE KING HAS SOMEONE LIKE THAT...
I—...
DON'T KNOW ANYTHING...

KNOCK KNOCK
—WHAT IS IT?
IT'S GLEN CAN I COME IN?
ENTER.
CLOCK
EXCUSE ME.
HOW IS THE KING?
HE'S SLEEPING NORMALLY. THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY.
...IF THAT'S THE CASE,
THEN, SIR RIGHT EYE..

YOU CAN LEAVE THE REST TO US AND GET SOME SLEEP.
..THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN
HOWEVER
AS THE LEADER OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE IMPERIAL GUARD, I TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INCIDENT WITH THE TRAITOR COUGAR.
THE MINISTER RECOMMENDED HIM AND I ACCEPTED THE OUTSIDER WITHOUT SUSPICION.
tap
FOR THAT, I APOLOGIZE.
EVEN THOUGH WE OF THE IMPERIAL GUARD EXIST TO PROTECT HIS MAJESTY,
IT'S NATURAL FOR YOU NOT TO TRUST US AFTER THAT
THAT'S NOT TRUE ..
PLEASE RAISE YOUR HEAD.

THEN,
THAT'S NOT IT—
Huh
So that's why he came
Oh
BUT SURELY THAT'S WHY YOU REMAIN HERE WITHOUT SLEEP ..
WILL YOU ALLOW ME TO RELIEVE YOU SO YOU CAN TAKE A BREAK?
WELL...
AH...
...NO,
Swip.
Sniff Sniff
HE'S KIDDING.
HUH?
It's a canine, after all.
ACTUALLY,
YOU HAVEN'T HAD A BATH IN THREE DAYS. YOU HONESTLY STINK.
And you should really change clothes.

FENRIR AND I WILL STAY HERE TOO, SO DON'T WORRY.
IN OTHER WORDS,
WE'RE MORE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR OWN HEALTH
...I SEE.
Clash
COM-MANDER!
DASH
QUIET DOWN. WHAT IS IT?
!
THE GUARD ON THE WEST PALACE WAS KILLED!
WE HAVE INTRUDERS!

WHILE THE CASTLE'S ON HIGH ALERT?
JUST WHERE DID THEY COME FROM..?
WHAT ARE YOUR ORDERS!?
CAPTURE AND QUESTION THEM...
THERE SHOULD ONLY BE A FEW INTRUDERS SO THEY CAN TRY AND STAY HIDDEN.
IF ONE PERSON FROM OUR SIDE FACES THEM ALONE, THE INTRUDERS WILL BE CARELESS AND EASY TO CAPTURE.
Knock
O-ONE PERSON?
Clink
I SEE, THAT WAS MERIT.
THEN I'LL —
CRE
AK
..SIR RIGHT EYE?
SIR GWEN, DIDN'T YOU JUST ASK TO BE THE KING'S BODYGUARD?

SIR RIGHT EYE!
SH!
SURELY YOU DON'T PLAN ON GOING!?
I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU.
THE WEST PALACE IS THAT WAY.
The other way.
Flail
—IS IT THIS WAY?
THIS PLACE SURE IS HUGE...
...SHH!
CAN'T BE.
IT'S DESERTED HERE. THE KING WOULD BE UNDER HEAVY GUARD.

clack
...WHAT, ONE GUY?
I WON'T LET YOU REACH THE KING.
HOW ABOUT YOU ANSWER MY QUESTIONS TO MAKE UP FOR DIRTYING THIS CASTLE WITH YOUR MUDDY SHOES?
CH
NK
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, TELL ME EVERYTHING.
HMPH.
YOU'RE UNDER-ESTIMATING US.

ONE GUY AGAINST ALL OF US——
...WAIT, THAT SWORD—
ISN'T THAT RAYVA STAIN'S "BRINGER"?
Twitch
THERE'S NO WAY THAT AN ORDINARY MERCENARY WOULD HAVE THAT—
RAYVAS ARE ONE OF A KIND. I REMEMBER SEEING IT.
WHERE WAS IT...
OH YEAH, IT WAS BACK THEN...
THE ONE CARRYING THAT SWORD WAS...

PRESS
...THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT TRAITOR...
BALFORD ADONIS...
WHAT...?
YOU'RE...
IT CAN'T BE...
CLENCH

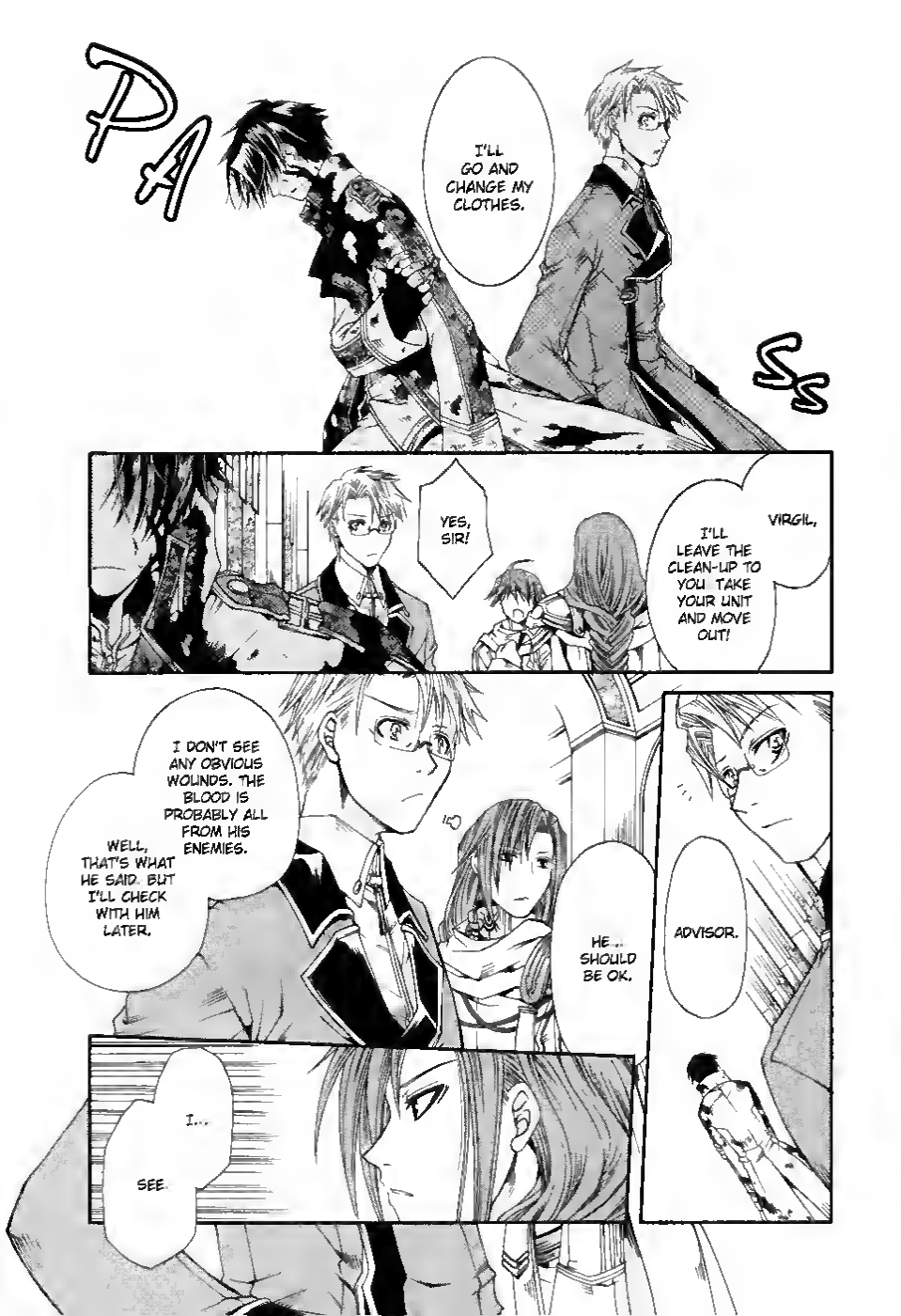
fu
...CHANGE OF PLANS.
sh
I'll kill all of you
right here.

SO
WHAT KIND OF IDIOT WOULD LET HIM GO ALONE!?
DON'T YOU UNDER-STAND?
HE HASN'T SLEPT AT ALL FOR THREE DAYS!
BUT ADVISOR, WE ——
Clack
AH...?
AD...
ADVISOR!
WHAT!?
HEY...

...AH.
...RIGHT ...EYE?
THIS ISN'T...
IT IS NOT MY BLOOD.
ARE—
ARE YOU OK? ARE YOU HURT—

...PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR BOASTING ABOUT BEING ABLE TO CAPTURE THEM ALONE.
IF I HAD NOT KILLED THEM, THEY WOULD HAVE KILLED ME
WERE THREE SKILLED MEN
—— THE INTRUDERS
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE HAS ANY LARGE WOUNDS...
HIS CLOTHES— AREN'T EVEN CUT?
AND I APOLOGIZE FOR DIRTYING THE CASTLE WITH BLOOD.
GRAB
I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THAT!
YOU'RE NOT HURT, RIGHT!?

R...
RIGHT EYE?
CLENCH
YANK!
DON'T TOUCH ME!
..PLEASE.
REALLY? GOOD, THEN.
I'M A MESS, BUT I'M NOT INJURED.
..I UNDER-STAND.
SIR GLEN,
CAN I ENTRUST THE REST TO YOU? ..MY APPEARANCE..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Ss
I'LL GO AND CHANGE MY CLOTHES.
VIRGIL, I'LL LEAVE THE CLEAN-UP TO YOU. TAKE YOUR UNIT AND MOVE OUT!
YES, SIR!
ADVISOR.
HE .. SHOULD BE OK.
I DON'T SEE ANY OBVIOUS WOUNDS. THE BLOOD IS PROBABLY ALL FROM HIS ENEMIES.
WELL, THAT'S WHAT HE SAID. BUT I'LL CHECK WITH HIM LATER.
I...
SEE.

I'll be fine.
tap
Corpses don't talk.
So I'll be fine.
CLEN
CH
...I'll be fine.